

The Chair submitted the following message from his Excellency the Governor, which, upon motion of Senator Bowers, was received by the Senate without reading:

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, {  
Austin, Nov. 7, 1871. }

Hon. WEBSTER FLANAGAN,

President of Senate, *pro tem*:

SIR: I return to the Senate, where it originated, the act entitled "An act confirming the powers granted to the municipal authorities of the incorporated cities and towns of the State."

I return this act because, in its general terms, it will undoubtedly have the effect to continue in operation special powers given in charters of cities and towns to aid internal improvements. If cities and towns can, under the Constitution, be permitted to exercise such power, it is necessary that such exercise be limited by the carefully guarded provisions of the general law on that subject.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.